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Library to Receive \$40,000 Grant for Non-English Materials *Grant Contingent on Passage of FY2005 State Budget*

SAN DIEGO – The California State Library has announced that it intends to award a \$40,000 grant to the City of San Diego Public Library for non-English language and bilingual materials for both adults and children. The Global Languages Materials Grant is contingent upon passage of the state's fiscal year 2005 budget.

The Library will use the funding to purchase books and other materials in nine languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

"Library materials in different languages are very popular," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "San Diego citizens speak more than 100 languages and dialects, and this state grant will allow us to better serve the public."

The Global Languages Materials Grants is part of the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal grant program administered in California by the state librarian. Each year the state librarian awards grants on a competitive basis unless announced otherwise. Grants have been announced for 140 library systems throughout the state, and San Diego was one of only eight that received funding of \$40,000 or more.

Once purchased and cataloged, the books and other materials will be available to patrons at all 35 City libraries.

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